

Alexandria Gazette.

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Origin of the Term Philistines.

About the year 1630, at Jena, where the west gate of the city is remarkable for four images of monkey-heads, cut in stone at each corner of the gate, a quarrel arose between the students of the university and the citizens, during which the government called the gate watchmen "monkey watchmen." To avenge this insult the watchmen killed one of the students, whose funeral sermon was preached from the text, "The Philistines be upon thee, Samson." From that time the townspeople were called by the students "Philistines," and thus use of the word spread to other places.

In another explanation, given as early as 1777 by Adelung, reference is made to the Ballstarii, or crossbowmen, who were called in Hungary Philistae, and to the municipal soldiers of Vienna, who had the nickname Philistines as early as the seventeenth century.

The word was brought into prominent notice in England by Matthew Arnold, who appears to have adopted it from Heine. By a Philistine he meant "a strong, dogged, unenlightened opponent, like Goliath, of the chosen people, of the children of sweetness and light."

The Exclusiveness of Caste.

An English officer who some years ago was wounded in a battle in India and left lying all night among the native dead and wounded tells this story: "Next morning we spied a man and an old woman, who came to us with a basket and a pot of water, and to every wounded man she gave a piece of jowar bread from the basket and a drink from her water pot. To us she gave the same, and I thanked heaven and her. But the Soobhabad was a high caste Rajpoot, and, as this woman was a Chumar or of the lowest caste, he would receive neither water nor bread from her. I tried to persuade him to take it that he might live, but he said that in our state, with but a few hours more to linger, what was a little more or less suffering to us—why should he give up his fate for such an object? No; he preferred to die unpolluted."

Babies in India.

Babies cry very little in India—they obey spiritual law as a flower. The lotus bud, lying on a stone bench in a dirty room, sucks its toe and seems dreaming of the pranks of baby Krishna and solving problems of the universe. As it grows older it is very timid and shy in the presence of its elders. It feels the religious awe around it and does not break out into boisterous sport when all seem at prayer.

But there is much love in India and these humble households seem very happy. They are all in all to each other and seek nothing outside either in society or amusement. Beautiful character comes from obedience to law and from lawlessness. In India children are the crowning gift of life. It is a horror to be childless.—Everybody's Magazine.

The Same Brick.

One day a mother found her four-year-old Alice playing with a brick in the parlor.

She threw it out of doors and, turning to the child, said, "If you bring another brick into the parlor mother will whip you."

Shortly afterward she again found the child playing with a brick and, looking at her reprovingly, asked, "What did mother tell you about that brick, Alice?"

"Well, this isn't another brick," said the child. "This is the one I had before."

His Guess.

"Where were they married?"

"I ain't just sure," answered the small boy, "cause they left me home, but I guess it was in the steeple."

"In the steeple?"

"Well, I heard 'em say it was a high church wedding."—Chicago Post.

Knew Braggsby.

Braggsby—I tell you the current issue of the Purple Peony is a swell one from a literary standpoint.

Waggssy—That so? What is the name of your contribution?—Baltimore American.

To live long it is necessary to live slowly.—Cicero.

For a lazy liver try Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. They invigorate the liver, aid the digestion, regulate the bowels and prevent bilious attacks. For sale by Richard Gibson.

Just About Bedtime

take a Little Early Riser—it will cure constipation, biliousness and liver troubles. Dr. Wilt's Little Early Risers are different from other pills. They do not grip and break down the mucous membranes of the stomach, liver and bowels, but cure by gently arousing the secretions and giving strength to these organs. Sold by E. S. Leadbeater & Sons.

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